

CORRECTIONS TO THE FIGURES OF THE DRAWINGS:

In the Figures of the Drawings, substitute the enclosed "Replacement Sheet" for the originally filed Figure 2.

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 2 – 6, 8, 10, 13, and 14 have been amended. Claims 2 - 20 are currently pending. A Replacement sheet for Figure 2 has been filed herewith.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Moreover, in the Office Action, claims 2 - 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Additionally, in the Office Action, claims 1 - 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete. Also, in the Office Action, claims 1 – 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Furthermore, in the Office Action, claims 1 - 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,642,742 to Noren et al. Claim 20 is indicated as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

With respect to the objection to the drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a), Figure 2 has been corrected to now show that the reference character “6” has been deleted and the specification has been amended to now identify the “rinsing liquid 8”.

With respect to the rejections of claims 2 - 3 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, concerning the disclosed frost protection device, Applicant notes that the disclosed frost protection device could be configured as any suitable arrangement for preventing or reducing the incidence of frost in or on the claimed tubular heating body. Thus, depending upon the respective operating conditions of the claimed dishwasher and other factors such as design choice, the disclosed frost protection device could be configured as an electrically- or gas-powered heating element, a chemical additive, a surface configuration or coating, or a mechanical arrangement.

With respect to the rejections of claims 1 - 20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, claim 20 has been amended to delete the limitation “a housing defining a motor area” and to clarify the subject matter of that claim. Also, claim 14 has been amended to clarify the subject matter of that claim.

Thus, Applicant submits that claims 2 - 20 are now in condition for allowance and early action toward that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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